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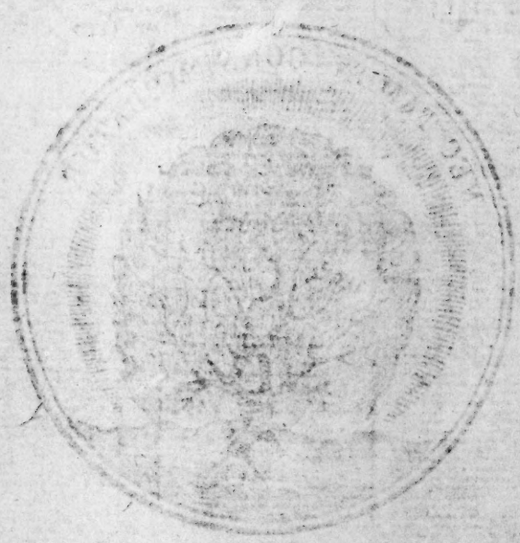

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I.

The KING's Commission to DAVID Earl of LEVEN produced, and ordered to be recorded.

Edinburgh, May 15. 1794.

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY of this national CHURCH being convened and constituted, there was produced to them, by the Right Honourable DAVID EARL of LEVEN, the KING's Commission, sealed with the seal appointed by the Treaty of Union to be kept and used in *Scotland*, in place of the Great Seal of *Scotland*, making and constituting him his Majesty's High Commissioner

and

and Repreſentative in this Aſſembly; which Commiſſion was publicly read with all due honour and reſpect, and ordered to be recorded in the books of Aſſembly; —the tenor whereof follows:

GEORGIUS, Dei gratia, Magnæ Britanniæ, Franciæ, et Hiberniæ Rex, Fidei Defenſor: Omnibus probis hominibus, ad quos præſentes literæ noſtræ pervenerint, ſalutem. Quandoquidem Nos conſiderantes, quod Generalis Eccleſiæ Scotiæ Conventus in decimum quintum diem Maii proximi convenire ordinatus fuit; Noſque abundè cupidi, et neceſſarium eſſe judicantes in commodum dictæ eccleſiæ, ut idem eccleſiæ generalis conventus die ſtatuto debitè obſervetur, atque rebus magni momenti Nos aliò vocantibus, dicto conventui perſonaliter intereſſe nequimus; Noſque abundè ſatisfacti de ſufficientiâ et fidelitate fideliſſimi et prædilectiſſimi Noſtri conſanguinei Davidis Comitis de Leven, *quod ad ſummum munus Noſtri ſupremi Commiſſionarii ad dictum generalem conventum ritè exercendum et obeundum uſquequaque ſit inſtructus: Noveritis igitur, Nos nominaſſe, conſtituiſſe, et ordinaſſe, tenoreque præſentium, nominare, conſtituere, et ordinare, memoratum fideliſſimum et prædilectiſſimum Noſtrum conſanguineum* Davidem Comitem de Leven, *ſupremum Noſtrum Commiſſionarium dicto generali eccleſiæ Scotiæ conventui, dando et concedendo illi plenam poteſtatem, Commiſſionem, et warrantum ſacram Noſtram Perſonam et auctoritatem regalem repræſentandi, nec non præſentiam Noſtram ſupplendi, et locum Noſtrum in dicto ſubſequenti generali conventu, tanquam Commiſſionario Noſtro ad hunc effectum ſpecialiter conſtituto, tenendi, omniaque alia ad imperium et munus Commiſſionarii pro generali eccleſiæ conventu peragendi, tam plenè adeoque liberè in quovis reſpectu, quam quilibet alius in eodem ſummo munere fecerat, ſeu quovis tempore præterito facere potuerat, vel ac ſi Nos ipſi perſonaliter præſentes facere potuerimus. Quæque omnia et ſingula quæ dictus* David Comes de Leven, *in hac Noſtra Commiſſione proſequenda legitimè fecerit, ſeu fieri ordinaverit, Nos firmiter approbamus, et ratificamus. Inſuper omnibus et ſingulis dicti conventus et eccleſiæ paſtoribus et preſbyteris cæteriſque quibuſcunque, intra illam partem Magnæ Britanniæ* Scotiam *vocatam, ſubditis Noſtris, cujuſcunque gradûs ſeu qualitatis, ut dictum* Davidem Comitem de Leven, *tanquam ſupremum Noſtrum Commiſſionarium, quoad effectum et modum ſupra mentionatum, revereantur, agnoſcant et audiant, ſtrictè mandamus et præcipimus: Atque hanc Noſtram Commiſſionem à dicto decimo quinto die Maii, proximi incipere, et deinceps durante ſubſequente ſeſſione dicti generalis conventûs*

conventûs in vigore continuare, declaramus, vel uſque dum a Nobis revocabitur, et exonerabitur. In cujus rei teſtimonium, preſentibus ſigillum Noſtrum per Unionis tractatum cuſtodiend. et in Scotiâ vice et loco Magni Sigilli ejuſdem utend. ordinat. appendi mandavimus. Apud aulam Noſtram apud St James's, ſeptimo die menſis Aprilis, anno Domini milleſimo ſeptingenteſimo et nonageſimo quarto, Regnique Noſtri anno trigeſimo quarto.

Per ſignaturam manu S. D. N. Regis ſupraſcriptam.

II.

The KING's moſt gracious Letter to the General Aſſembly, preſented to them by his Majeſty's Commiſſioner.

GEORGE R.

RIGHT REVEREND and Well-beloved, We greet you well.—The uniform experience which We have had during ſo long a courſe of years, of your unalterable attachment to Our Perſon and Government, and of your zealous and prudent attention to the important objects of your meeting, has not failed to make the deepeſt impreſſion upon Our mind, and juſtly calls for Our higheſt commendation of your conduct. At the ſame time, you may be aſſured, that this ſo faithful diſcharge of your duty will inſure to you the continuance of Our undiminiſhed confidence and affection. In declaring Our firm reliance upon that wiſdom and diſcretion which have at all times ſo eminently marked your proceedings, We cannot preſs too earneſtly upon your minds the neceſſity of redoubling your common efforts, to check that prevalent ſpirit of licentious innovation, by which the preſent times are ſo unhappily diſtinguiſhed, and which threaten to fill the whole Chriſtian world with violence and confuſion. By ſo doing, you will contribute the moſt effectually to promote the great and important ends for which

you are aſſembled, the maintenance of true Religion and Virtue, the Proſperity of your Eſtabliſhed Church, and the ſecurity of thoſe invaluable bleſſings which you have derived from Our happy Conſtitution. We have again appointed Our Right Truſty and Right Well-beloved Couſin, DAVID Earl of LEVEN, to repreſent Our Royal Perſon in this Aſſembly, being well ſatisfied with his upright and faithful Conduct in the Execution of that important Truſt, and not doubting but he muſt continue to be acceptable to you, from the affection to the Church of Scotland, and the zeal for the intereſts of Religion, which he has manifeſted on ſo many former occaſions. We take this opportunity of repeating to you Our earneſt exhortations, that you will proceed in the buſineſs before you with that Unanimity, Charity, and Brotherly Love, which truly become ſuch an Aſſembly, and without which no real dignity or utility can attend your deliberations. Firmly truſting, that the Divine Providence will bleſs your endeavours, in bringing this meeting to a happy concluſion, We feel the higheſt ſatisfaction in continuing to countenance your meetings with Our Royal Authority, and to aſſure you of Our fixed determination to maintain the Church of Scotland in the perfect enjoyment of all its juſt Rights and Privileges. And ſo We bid you heartily farewell.—Given at Our Court at St James's, the 7th day of May 1794, in the 34th year of Our Reign.

By his Majeſty's Command,

HENRY DUNDAS.

Addreſſed thus :—*To the Right Reverend and Well-beloved the Moderator, Miniſters and Elders of the General Aſſembly of the Church of Scotland.*

III.

III.

The General Aſſembly's Anſwer to the KING's moſt gracious Letter.

May it pleaſe your Majeſty,

WE received with the utmoſt reſpect and gratitude the gracious letter with which Your Majeſty hath been pleaſed to honour this General Aſſembly of the Church of Scotland. It affords us the higheſt ſatisfaction to be aſſured, that our unalterable attachment to Your Perſon and Government, and our attention to the important Objects of our Meeting have on former occaſions made ſo favourable an impreſſion on Your Royal Mind. We regard Your Majeſty's commendation as a moſt pleaſing recompence for our paſt ſervices, and a moſt animating inducement to perſevere in that faithful diſcharge of our duty, which Your Majeſty has graciouſly declared will inſure to us the continuance of Your undiminiſhed confidence and affection.

Anxious to juſtify that firm reliance on our wiſdom and diſcretion which Your Majeſty hath been pleaſed to expreſs, we feel ourſelves powerfully called upon to obey Your Majeſty's Paternal Admonition, by redoubling our common efforts to check that prevalent ſpirit of licentious innovation, by which the preſent times are ſo unhappily diſtinguiſhed, and which threaten to fill the whole Chriſtian world with violence and confuſion. By ſo doing, we are ſenſible that we ſhall moſt effectually contribute to promote the important ends for which we are aſſembled, the maintenance of true Religion and Virtue, the Proſperity of our Eſtabliſhed Church, and the ſecurity of thoſe invaluable bleſſings which we have derived from our happy Conſtitution.

The choice which Your Majeſty has been pleaſed to make of the Earl of LEVEN to repreſent Your Royal Perſon in this Aſſembly, we conſider as an additional inſtance of Your Majeſty's favour. The approved fidelity and loyalty of this Noble LORD, that ſincere

attachment to the Church of Scotland, by which he and his anceſtors have ſo long been diſtinguiſhed, his amiable character in private life, and the happy experience of former Aſſemblies, render Your Majeſty's nomination of him moſt acceptable to us.

We beg leave to offer our humble and grateful acknowledgments to Your Majeſty for Your attention to the Propagation of the Proteſtant Religion in the Highlands and Iſlands of Scotland; and it ſhall be our care, by a proper application of the ſum with which Your Majeſty hath entruſted us for that purpoſe, to promote the pious deſign for which it is beſtowed.

Permit us to aſſure Your Majeſty, that we ſhall endeavour to proceed in the buſineſs before us with that unanimity, charity, and brotherly-love, which become us as the ſervants of the Prince of Peace, and without which we are convinced, that no real dignity or utility can attend our deliberations. Such conduct we hope will induce Your Majeſty to continue to us that countenance with which You have hitherto been pleaſed to honour our Meetings, and we rely with entire confidence on Your gracious determination to maintain the Church of Scotland in the perfect enjoyment of all its juſt Rights and Privileges.

That Almighty GOD, the Father of our Lord Jeſus Chriſt, may direct Your MAJESTY's Councils, and proſper the Adminiſtration of Your Government; that He may bleſs our gracious QUEEN, His Royal Highneſs GEORGE PRINCE of WALES, and all Your Royal Family; that He may preſerve You long to reign in wiſdom and felicity over a free, a loyal, and a virtuous people, and beſtow on you hereafter that crown of righteouſneſs which fadeth not away,—are the Prayers of,

May it pleaſe your Majeſty,

Your Majeſty's moſt faithful,

Moſt obedient, and moſt loyal Subjects,

The Miniſters and Elders met in this National Aſſembly of the Church of Scotland.

Signed in our name,

In our preſence,

And at our appointment, by

EDINBURGH, *May* 17. 1794. ROBERT ARNOT, *Moderator.*

IV.

The General Aſſembly's dutiful Addreſs to His Majeſty, on the ſubject of the preſent War.

Moſt Gracious Sovereign,

WE Your Majeſty's moſt dutiful and loyal ſubjects, the Miniſters and Elders of the Church of Scotland, met in the General Aſſembly, beg leave to approach Your Majeſty with ſincere ſentiments of attachment to Your Perſon and Government.

In the intereſting ſituation of the affairs of Europe at the preſent juncture, we are thankful to Divine Providence for thoſe pledges of ſecurity to the Britiſh Nation, which we enjoy in Your Majeſty's Paternal Care, and in the wiſdom and vigour of your Councils.

When the rulers of the people of France, avowed their hoſtility to all exiſting governments, and by an unprovoked declaration of war againſt this country, obliged Your Majeſty to draw the ſword in defence of the Conſtitution, we Your faithful ſubjects, with full approbation of this neceſſary exertion of the public force, offered up our prayers to Heaven for the protection of our Country, and have ſince, without ceaſing, continued to implore ſucceſs to Your Majeſty's Arms.

Fully convinced that our Religion, our Liberty, our Laws, and all that is dear to us, as Men and as Chriſtians, are now at ſtake, we conſider the war with France as the moſt important conteſt in which this Nation has ever been engaged. Happy in the experience of thoſe high bleſſings we have long enjoyed, we look up with gratitude to our Soverign, when he adopts the moſt effective meaſures to repel any force which threatens to endanger or overthrow our unequalled Conſtitution.

Under theſe impreſſions, we beg leave to congratulate Your Majeſty on the ſucceſs which has attended Your Arms, and thoſe of Your Allies in Europe, and on the conqueſts which have been atchieved by Your Majeſty's

forces in the Eaſt and Weſt Indies; and we look forward with good hope to ſuch further advantages as may enable Your Majeſty to bring the war to a termination, which ſhall enſure ſafety to Britain, and protection from anarchy to other nations.

We cannot without ſorrow reflect, that any inſtances of diſſaffection ſhould have occurred among our people, to deſerve the juſt reprehenſion of the laws. But from what we know of the general ſpirit of the Country, it affords us the greateſt ſatisfaction to be able to aſſure Your Majeſty, that the ſound principles of loyalty, and of attachment to the Conſtitution in Church and State, are fixed in the hearts of the great body of Your Majeſty's ſubjects in Scotland. Theſe principles it ſhall be our moſt zealous care to cheriſh and to promote.

Our prayers and interceſſions are offered up to God for our King and Country. May He who rules among the nations give ſucceſs to the means which are employed for reſiſting the progreſs of diſorder, and the ſpirit of impiety and anarchy, which has gone forth in a neighbouring country May the Divine Bleſſing attend Your Fleets and Your Armies, and lead them to victory in every quarter. May Your Majeſty be long preſerved to reign over this Nation, and may Your Deſcendents to lateſt poſterity fill the Britiſh Throne, and ever prove the Faithful Guardians of Religion, of Liberty, of Law, and of the Conſtitution.—Theſe are the fervent Prayers of,

May it pleaſe Your Majeſty,

Your Majeſty's moſt dutiful,

Moſt faithful and moſt obedient Subjects,

The Miniſters and Elders met in this National Aſſembly of the Church of Scotland.

Signed in our name,

In our preſence,

And at our appointment, by

ROBERT ARNOT, *Moderator.*

EDINBURGH, *May* 17. 1794.

V.

V.

COMMISSION of the General Assembly to certain Miniſters and Ruling Elders, for diſcuſſing affairs referred to them.

Edinburgh, May 24. 1794. *Seſſ.* 9.

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY did, and hereby do nominate, commiſſion and appoint the Reverend Dr ROBERT ARNOT, Profeſſor of Divinity in St Mary's College, St Andrew's, their Moderator: And,—From the *Preſbytery* of *Edinburgh*, Mr Henry Lundie, Dr James Macnight, Dr John Kemp, Sir Harry Moncrieff Wellwood, Mr Robert Walker, Canongate, Mr James Grant at Libberton, *Miniſters;* John Gloag, Eſq; Dean of Guild of Edinburgh, William Ramſay, Eſq; of Barnton, Donald Smith, Eſq; Banker in Edinburgh, *Ruling Elders:*—From the *City* of *Edinburgh*, The Right Honourable Thomas Elder, Lord Provoſt of the City, Mr John Young, Firſt Trades Counſellor:—From the *Univerſity* of *Edinburgh*, Dr Thomas Hardy, one of the Miniſters of the City, and *Regius* Profeſſor of Divinity in the Univerſity of Edinburgh: From the *Church* of *Campvere*, Mr James Likly at Campvere, Robert Allan, Eſq; merchant in Edinburgh:—From the *Preſbytery* of *Linlithgow*, Mr John Bertram at Muiravenſide, Dr Thomas Robertſon at Dalmeny, Mr James Macnair at Slamannan, Mr Henry Liſton at Eccleſmachan, *Miniſters;* Provoſt Robert Clark, Linlithgow, Mr James Taylor ſhipmaſter, Queensferry, *Ruling Elders:*—From the *Burgh* of *Queensferry*, Mr James Nicol, cooper in Queensferry:—From the *Preſbytery* of *Biggar*, Mr Thomas Mitchell at Lamington, Mr John Fraſer at Libberton, Mr Patrick Molliſon at Walſton, *Miniſters;* John Dickſon, Eſq; of Culter, *Ruling Elder:*—From the *Preſbytery* of *Peebles*, Mr Patrick Robertſon at Eddleſton, Mr David Anderſon at Kirkurd, *Miniſters;* James Montgomery,

mery, Eſq; advocate, *Ruling Elder*:—From the *Burgh* of *Peebles*, Andrew Hamilton of Spittlehaugh, Eſq;—From the *Preſbytery* of *Dalkeith*, Dr Alexander Carlyle at Invereſk, Mr Ebenezer Marſhall at Cockpen, Mr John Paton at Laſwade, *Miniſters*; the Lord Advocate *Ruling Elder*:—From the *Preſbytery* of *Haddington*, Mr Alexander Glen at Dirleton, Mr John Trotter at Preſtonpans, Mr David Pyper at Pencaitland, *Miniſters*; John Hamilton of Pencaitland, Eſq; *Ruling Elder*:—From the *Burgh* of *Haddington*, Richard Somner, Eſq; preſent Provoſt of Haddington:—From the *Burgh* of *North Berwick*, Sir Hugh Hamilton Dalrymple of North Berwick, Baronet:—From the *Preſbytery* of *Dunbar*, Mr Daniel Macqueen at Preſtonkirk, Mr Andrew Spence at Cocksburnpath, *Miniſters*; John Anderſon of Windygowll, Eſq; *Ruling Elder*:—From the *Preſbytery* of *Dunſe*, Mr John Todd at Fogo, Mr Alexander Johnſton at Cranſhaws, *Miniſters*; Matthew Sandilands, Eſq; of Couſton, *Ruling Elder*:—From the *Preſbytery* of *Churnſide*, Mr David Young at Foulden, Mr James Landells at Coldingham, *Miniſters*; George Buchan of Kello, Eſq; *Ruling Elder*:—From the *Preſbytery* of *Kelſo*, Mr James Richardſon at Mackerſton, Mr Andrew Ogilvie at Linton, *Miniſters*; Sir James Pringle of Stitchell, Baronet, *Ruling Elder*:—From the *Preſbytery* of *Jedburgh*, Dr Thomas Somerville at Jedburgh, Dr Samuel Charters at Wilton, Mr Robert Gillan at Hawick, *Miniſters*; Mr James Dickſon, merchant in Hawick, *Ruling Elder*:—From the *Preſbytery* of *Lauder*, Mr Robert Dawſon at Stow, Mr William Shiells at Weſtruther, *Miniſters*; Bailie James Edmonſtone in Lauder, *Ruling Elder*:—From the *Burgh* of *Lauder*, the Earl of Lauderdale:—From the *Preſbytery* of *Selkirk*, Mr Robert Douglas at Galaſhiells, Mr Robert Ruſſell at Yarrow, *Miniſters*; William Elliot, Eſq; of Borthwick-brae, *Ruling Elder*:—From the *Preſbytery* of *Annan*, Mr Thomas Smith at Cumbertrees, Mr Abraham Neveſon at Middlebie, *Miniſters*; Joſeph Norris of Newfield, Eſq; *Ruling Elder*:—From the *Preſbytery* of *Langholm*, Mr John Lawrie at Ewes, Mr James Arkle at Caſtletown, *Miniſters*; Mr James Saunders, writer to the Signet, *Ruling Elder*:—From the *Preſbytery* of *Lochmaben*, Mr Thomas Henderſon at Dryſdale, Mr David Dickſon at St Mungo, Mr Richard Paxton at Tundergarth, *Miniſters*; Archibald Gordon of Halleaths, Eſq; *Ruling Elder*:—From the *Burgh* of *Lochmaben*, Mr William Johnſton, writer in Edinburgh:—From the *Preſbytery* of *Penpont*, Mr John Robertſon

Robertſon at Kirkonnell, Mr James Wilſon at Tynron, *Miniſters;* Mr Thomas Harkneſs in Mitchelſlaks, *Ruling Elder:*—From the *Burgh* of *Sanquhar*, Mr John Peat, writer in Edinburgh:—From the *Preſbytery* of *Dumfries*, Mr James Macmillan at Torthorwall, Dr David Lamont at Kirkpatrick-Durham, Mr William Macmorine at Carlaverock, *Miniſters;* Mr Robert Jackſon, one of the preſent Bailies of Dumfries, *Ruling Elder:*—From the *Burgh* of *Dumfries*, Alexander Fergusſon, Eſq; of Craigdarroch:—From the *Preſbytery* of *Kirkcudbright*, Dr Robert Mutter at Kirkcudbright, Mr John Johnſton at Croſsmichael, Mr Robert Gordon at Carsfairn, *Miniſters;* James Gordon, Eſq; younger of Greenlaw, advocate, *Ruling Elder:*—From the *Burgh* of *Kirkcudbright*, Horatius Cannan, Eſq; of Barley:—From the *Burgh* of *New Galloway*, Mr Robert Heron, Preacher of the Goſpel:—From the *Preſbytery* of *Wigton*, Mr John Graham at Kirkinner, Mr Elliot William Davidſon at Sorbie, *Miniſters;* Robert Hathorn Stewart, Eſq; of Phiſgill, *Ruling Elder:*—From the *Burgh* of *Wigton*, Mr John Jaffrey, writer in Edinburgh:—From the *Burgh* of *Whithorn*, John Buſhby, Eſq; Sheriff-Clerk of Dumfries:—From the *Preſbytery* of *Stranraer*, Mr Peter Ferguſon at Inch, Dr Anthony Stewart at Newluce, *Miniſters;* Thomas Adair, Eſq; of Genoch, *Ruling Elder:*—From the *Burgh* of *Stranraer*, Mr Thomas Smith, writer in Edinburgh:—From the *Preſbytery* of *Ayr*, Mr Alexander Moodie at Riccarton, Mr John Shepherd at Muirkirk, Mr George Smith at Galſton, Mr Stephen Young at Barr, Mr William Ritchie at Tarbolton, *Miniſters;* John Hamilton, Eſq; of Bargeny, Thomas Kennedy, Eſq; of Dunure, *Ruling Elders:*—From the *Burgh* of *Ayr*, George Fergusſon, Eſq; advocate:—From the *Preſbytery* of *Irvine*, Mr James Mackindlay at Kilmarnock, Mr James Douglas at Stewarton, Mr Archibald Laurie at Loudon, *Miniſters;* the Honourable Mr Patrick Boyle of Shewalton, *Ruling Elder:*—From the *Burgh* of *Irvine*, David Boyle, Eſq; advocate:—From the *Preſbytery* of *Paiſley*, Mr John Findlay at Paiſley, Mr Thomas Brown at Innerkip, Mr William Richardſon at Inchinnan, Mr John Scott at Greenock, *Miniſters;* Mr William Carlyle, eldeſt Magiſtrate of Paiſley, Mr Robert Davidſon, advocate, *Ruling Elders:*—From the *Preſbytery* of *Hamilton*, Mr Michael Maculloch at Bothwell, Mr Henry Stevenſon at Blantyre, Mr Alexander Fleming at Hamilton, *Miniſters;* Profeſſor George Jardine, Glaſgow, *Ruling Elder:*—From the *Preſbytery* of

Lanark, Mr William Maccubbin at Douglas, Mr William Menzies at Lanark, *Miniſters;* Bailie William Telfar, merchant in Lanark, *Ruling Elder:*—From the *Burgh* of *Lanark*, John Bannatyne, Eſq; of Caſtlebank:—From the *Preſbytery* of *Glaſgow*, Mr John Burns at the Barony of Glaſgow, Mr Alexander Rankin at Glaſgow, Mr James Maclean at Gorbals, Mr Archibald Provan at Cadder, *Miniſters;* Sir John Stirling of Glorat, Baronet, William Auchincloſs, Eſq; Convener of the Trades of Glaſgow:—From the *Univerſity* of *Glaſgow*, Dr Robert Finlay, Profeſſor of Divinity:—From the *Preſbytery* of *Dumbarton*, Mr David Macgibbon at Buchanan, Mr Duncan Macfarlan at Drumen, Mr John Mitchell at Fintray, *Miniſters;* the Lord Preſident, *Ruling Elder:*—From the *Burgh* of *Dumbarton*, Archibald Campbell younger of Succoth, Eſq;—From the *Preſbytery* of *Dunoon*, Mr Charles Stewart at Strachur, Mr Hugh Mactaviſh at Inverchaolan, *Miniſters;* John Lamont of Lamont, Eſq; *Ruling Elder:*—From the *Preſbytery* of *Kintyre*, Mr John Macleiſh at Kilchoman in Iſlay, Dr John Smith at Campbelton, Mr Alexander Steuart at Killean, *Miniſters;* Archibald Macdonald, Eſq; of Sanda, *Ruling Elder:*—From the *Burgh* of *Campbelton*, William Campbell of Fairfield, Eſq;—From the *Burgh* of *Inveraray*, Humphry Trawford Campbell, Eſq; younger, of Aſhniſh:—From the *Preſbytery* of *Lorn*, Mr Donald Macnicol at Liſmore, Dr Joſeph Macintyre at Glenorchie, *Miniſters;* John Campbell, Eſq; of Lochend, *Ruling Elder:*—From the *Preſbytery* of *Mull*, Mr Norman Macleod at Morvern, Mr Dugal Campbell at Kilfinichan, *Miniſters;* Allan Macdougall, Eſq; of Hayfield, *Ruling Elder:*—From the *Preſbytery* of *Dunkeld*, Mr James Patrick Bannerman at Cargill, Mr Laurence Butter at Lethindy, Mr Alexander Niven at Dunkeld, Mr Colin Macvin at Kenmuir, *Miniſters;* David Stewart, Eſq; merchant Edinburgh, Niell Ferguſſon, Eſq; advocate, *Ruling Elders:*—From the *Preſbytery* of *Perth*, Mr George Chapman at Kinfauns, Mr William Garvie at Aberdalgie, Mr David Black at St Madoes, Mr John Inglis at Tibbermuir, *Miniſters;* Mr James Dickſon, bookſeller, Edinburgh, Mr Alexander Beatſon, writer to the Signet, *Ruling Elders:*—From the *Preſbytery* of *Stirling*, Mr James Robertſon at Gargunnock, Mr William Sheriff at St Ninian's, *Miniſters;* William Murray, Eſq; of Touchadam, *Ruling Elder:*—From the *Preſbytery* of *Auchterarder*, Mr William Graham at Foſſaway, Mr James Burgh at Trinitygaſk, Mr Andrew Gibſon

Gibſon at Muckart, *Miniſters;* Patrick Murray younger of Auchtertyre, Eſq; advocate, *Ruling Elder:*—From the *Preſbytery* of *Dunblane*, Mr Chriſtopher Tait at Kincardine, Mr John Campbell at Kippen, *Miniſters;* Profeſſor William Richardſon, Glaſgow, *Ruling Elder;*—From the *Preſbytery* of *Dunfermline*, Mr John Fairnie at Dunfermline, Mr Alexander Thomſon at Carnock, Mr Patrick Spence at Orwell, *Miniſters;* Sir Charles Preſton of Valleyfield, *Ruling Elder:*—From the *Burgh* of *Inverkeithing*, Mr Thomas Fulton, wright in Inverkeithing:—From the *Preſbytery* of *Kirkaldy*, Mr George Shaw at Abbotſhall, Mr James Wemyſs at Burntiſland, Mr George Muirhead at Dyſart, *Miniſters;* Alexander Park, Eſq; of Lochore, *Ruling Elder:*—From the *Burgh* of *Burntiſland*, Mr George Ledinghame, one of the Magiſtrates of Burntiſland:—From the *Preſbytery* of *Cupar*, Mr Samuel Martin at Monymeal, Mr Joſeph Crichton at Ceres, Mr John Cook at Kilmenie, Mr William Aitken at Abdie, *Miniſters;* David Johnſton, Eſq; of Lathriſk, Mr Henry Hardy at Newburgh, *Ruling Elders:*—From the *Preſbytery* of *St Andrew's*, Dr Charles Wilſon, Profeſſor of Church Hiſtory in St Mary's College, Mr Spence Oliphant at Largo, Mr James Beatſon at Kingſbarns, Mr Thomas Laurie at Newburn, *Miniſters;* Col. Monypenny of Pitmillie, Dr James Flint, Profeſſor of Medicine in the United College, *Ruling Elders:*—From the *Burgh* of *St Andrew's*, the Honourable Henry Erſkine, Dean of the Faculty of Advocates:—From the *Burgh* of *Crail*, Mr Thomas Weir, writer in Edinburgh:—From the *Preſbytery* of *Meigle*, Mr James Playfair at Bendochy, Mr Thomas Barty at Newtyle, Mr James Johnſton at Blairgowrie, *Miniſters;* Sir William Ramſay of Banff, Baronet, *Ruling Elder:* From the *Preſbytery* of *Forfar*, Mr John Bruce at Forfar, Mr James Ogilvie at Kirrymuir, *Miniſters;* Mr John Moncreiff, apothecary, Edinburgh, *Ruling Elder:* From the *Burgh* of *Forfar*, Robert Graham of Fintry, Eſq;—From the *Preſbytery* of *Dundee*, Mr William Johnſton at Moniefieth, Mr Adam Cairns at Longforgan, Mr James Scott at Auchterhouſe, *Miniſters;* Bailie John Guild merchant, Dundee, *Ruling Elder:*—From the *Preſbytery* of *Aberbrothock*, Mr John Aitken at St Vigean's, Mr William Milligan at Kirkden, *Miniſters;* the Right Honourable William Earl of Northeſk, *Ruling Elder:*—From the *Burgh* of *Aberbrothock*, Mr Thomas Duncan, writer, Edinburgh:—From the *Preſbytery* of *Brechin*, Mr Andrew Bruce at Brechin, Mr Andrew Gray at Caralſtane

ſtane, Mr Robert Hannah at Srickathrow, *Miniſters;* James Wauchope, Eſq; advocate, *Ruling Elder*:—From the *Burgh* of *Brechin*, Adam Gillies, Eſq; advocate:—From the *Preſbytery* of *Fordoun*, Mr James Walker at Dunnottar, Mr William Walker at Eccleſgreig, Mr James Leſlie at Fordoun, *Miniſters;* John Burnet, Eſq; advocate, *Ruling Elder:*—From the *Preſbytery* of *Aberdeen*, Dr John Brown at Newhills, Mr Gavin Mitchell at Kinneller, Mr Skene Ogilvie at Old Machar, Mr George Gordon at Aberdeen, *Miniſters;* the Procurator, John Gordon Eſq; of Craig, *Ruling Elders:*—From the *Preſbytery* of *Kincardine O'Neil*, Mr Francis Downie at Banchory Ternan, Dr John Ogilvie at Midmar, Mr Robert Farquharſon at Logiecoldſtone, *Miniſters;* William Macdonald of Reneaton, Eſq; *Ruling Elder:*—From the *Preſbytery* of *Alford*, Mr George Forbes at Lochel, Mr Robert Lumſden at Kildrummy, Mr Alexander Smith at Keig, *Miniſters;* James Gordon, Eſq; younger of Craig, *Ruling Elder:*—From the *Preſbytery* of *Garioch*, Mr Patrick Davidſon at Rayne, Mr George Skene Keith at Keithhall, Mr Thomas Tait at Old Meldrum, *Miniſters;* William Gordon, Eſq; younger of Rothny, *Ruling Elder:*—From the *Preſbytery* of *Deer*, Mr William Anderſon at Strichen, Mr James Greig at Pitſligo, Mr William Greig at Longſide, *Miniſters;* Mr John Taylor, writer to the Signet, *Ruling Elder:*—From the *Preſbytery* of *Turriff*, Mr Alexander Roſe at Auchterleſs, Mr John Miln at Inverkeithny, *Miniſters;* Mr Archibald Miln, writer to the Signet, *Ruling Elder:*—From the *Preſbytery* of *Fordyce*, Mr Robert Grant at Cullen, Mr Abercromby Gordon at Banff, *Miniſters;* Mr George Andrew, writer in Edinburgh, *Ruling Elder:*—From the *Burgh* of *Banff*, George Cranſton, Eſq; of Dewar:—From the *Preſbytery* of *Strathbogie*, Mr Alexander Angus at Botriphnie, Mr Francis Forbes at Grange, *Miniſters;* Mr Baron Gordon, *Ruling Elder:*—From the *Preſbytery* of *Aberlour*, Mr James Grant at Inveravan, Mr George Cruickſhank at Rothes, *Miniſters;* Iſaac Grant, Eſq; of Hilton, *Ruling Elder:*—From the *Preſbytery* of *Abernethy*, Mr John Grant at Abernethy, Mr John Anderſon at Kinguiſie, *Miniſters;* Mr James Robertſon, writer, Edinburgh, *Ruling Elder:*—From the *Preſbytery* of *Elgin*, Mr John Reid at Duffus, Mr William Macbain at Alves, *Miniſters;* Mr Thomas Gordon, writer to the Signet, *Ruling Elder*:—From the *Burgh* of *Elgin*, William Scott, Eſq; Banker in Edinburgh:—From the *Preſbytery* of *Forres*, Mr William Stephen at Rafford, Mr John

Hoyes

Hoyes at Kinloſs, *Miniſters;* Dr Gregory Grant, phyſician in Edinburgh, *Ruling Elder:*—From the *Burgh* of *Forres*, James Grant, Eſq; writer to the Signet:—From the *Preſbytery* of *Nairn*, Mr John Morriſon at Nairn, Mr Priſe Campbell at Ardersier, *Miniſters;* Mr Alexander Grant, writer to the Signet, *Ruling Elder*:—From the *Preſbytery* of *Inverneſs*, Mr Alexander Fraſer at Kirkhill, Mr Hugh Mackay at Moy, *Miniſters;* Simon Fraſer of Faraline, Eſq; *Ruling Elder*:—From the *Burgh* of *Inverneſs*, Bailie John Mackintoſh, merchant in Inverneſs:—From the *Preſbytery* of *Chanonry*, Mr Alexander Wood at Roſemarkie, Mr Robert Smith at Cromarty, *Miniſters;* Convener John Lindſay, Edinburgh, *Ruling Elder:*—From the *Preſbytery* of *Tain*, Mr George Douglas at Tain, Mr Alexander Munro at Edderton, *Miniſters;* Charles Roſs, Eſq; advocate, *Ruling Elder:*—From the *Burgh* of *Tain*, Robert Colt of Auldhame, Eſq;—From the *Preſbytery* of *Dingwall*, Mr Harry Robertſon at Kiltearn, Mr James Dallas at Contin, *Miniſters;* Mr Kenneth Mackenzie, writer to the Signet, *Ruling Elder:*—From the *Preſbytery* of *Abertarph*, Mr Patrick Grant at Boleſkine, Mr James Grant at Urquhart, *Miniſters;* William Tait, Eſq; advocate, *Ruling Elder:*—From the *Preſbytery* of *Lochcarron*, Mr Alexander Downie at Lochalſh, Mr John Macqueen at Applecroſs, *Miniſters;* Bailie Daniel Miller, Canongate, *Ruling Elder*:—From the *Preſbytery* of *Dornock*, Mr George Macculloch at Loth, Mr William Keith at Golſpie, *Miniſters;* Captain Robert Bruce Æneas Macleod, *Ruling Elder*:—From the *Preſbytery* of *Tongue*, Mr William Mackenzie at Tongue, Mr James Dingwall at Far, *Miniſters;* Mr William Maclean, merchant, Edinburgh, *Ruling Elder:*—From the *Preſbytery* of *Caithneſs*, Mr William Sutherland at Wick, Mr Joſeph Taylor at Wattin, *Miniſters;* Sir John Sinclair of Ulbſter, Baronet, *Ruling Elder:*—From the *Burgh* of *Wick*, James Horne, Eſq; writer to the Signet:—From the *Preſbytery* of *Kirkwall*, Mr William Anderſon at Evie and Rendall, Mr James Watſon at Southronaldſay, *Miniſters;* Mr Alexander Youngſon, writer in Edinburgh, *Ruling Elder*:—From the *Burgh* of *Kirkwall*, Malcolm Laing, Eſq; advocate:—From the *Preſbytery* of *Cairſtone*, Mr James Bremner at Walls and Flotay, Mr John Malcolm at Forth and Stenneſs, *Miniſters;* Mr Richard Richardſon, merchant, Edinburgh, *Ruling Elder*:—From the *Preſbytery* of *North Iſles*, Mr John Anderſon at Stronſay and Eday, Mr James Izett at Weſtray, *Miniſters;* Commiſſioner Grieve, *Ruling Elder:*—From the *Preſbytery* of *Zetland*, Mr John Inches

at Neſting, Mr John Menzies at Breſſay, *Miniſters*; Profeſſor Andrew Dalzel, Edinburgh, *Ruling Elder*:—And the General Aſſembly added thereto Dr George Hill, Principal of St Mary's College St Andrew's, in place of the Moderator; and alſo added thoſe whoſe commiſſions had been rejected on account of informality, *viz.* From the *City* of *Glaſgow*, Archibald Campbell, Eſq; advocate:—And from the *Burgh* of *Perth*, John Caw, Eſq; preſent Provoſt of Perth, TO BE COMMISSIONERS of this General Aſſembly, to the effect after mentioned; with power to the ſaid Commiſſioners, or their quorum, which is hereby declared to be any thirty-one of the ſaid Commiſſioners, whereof twenty-one are always to be miniſters, to meet and convene within the Aſſembly-houſe at Edinburgh, the firſt day after the diſſolution of this Aſſembly, at ten of the clock in the forenoon; and thereafter, the ſecond Wedneſday of Auguſt, third Wedneſday of November, and the firſt Wedneſday of March next to come, and oftener, when and where they ſhall think fit and convenient, with power to the ſaid Commiſſioners to chuſe their own Moderator: And likewiſe, the General Aſſembly fully empowers their ſaid Commiſſioners, or their quorum above mentioned, to cognoſce and finally determine, as they ſhall ſee cauſe, in every matter referred, or that ſhall be referred to them, by an act or order of this Aſſembly; and to do every thing contained in, and conform to the inſtructions given or to be given by this Aſſembly; and to advert to the intereſt of the Church on every occaſion, that the Church, and preſent eſtabliſhment thereof, do not ſuffer or ſuſtain any prejudice which they can prevent, as they will be anſwerable: Provided always, that this general clauſe be not extended to particular affairs or proceſſes before Synods or Preſbyteries, that are not of univerſal concern to, or influence upon the whole Church. And it is hereby appointed, that no private proceſſes be determined, except at the four ſtated diets; and what ſhall be determined at one diet of the Commiſſion, with relation to private cauſes, ſhall be unalterable by any other diet thereof, and ſhall ſtand and continue in force till diſapproved of by the General Aſſembly. And the Aſſembly renews the inſtructions given by the General Aſſembly in the year one thouſand ſeven hundred and ſeventeen to their Commiſſion, and appoints the ſame to ſtand in full force as inſtructions to the Commiſſioners before named, and to be obſerved by them

them in all points, as if the ſame were ſpecially here inſerted; and that they enquire into the publiſhing and ſpreading of books and pamphlets, tending towards the promoting of opinions of whatever kind, inconſiſtent with our *Confeſſion of Faith*; and that the recommenders of ſuch books and pamphlets, or the errors therein contained, whether by word, writ, or print, be called before the ſaid Commiſſion, to anſwer for the ſame. And further, the ſaid Commiſſion is hereby empowered to receive any references and appeals that ſhall be made to them from Synods, in matters of doctrine, and ripen ſuch affairs for the next General Aſſembly; and to contribute what they can to the ſuppreſſing of vice and immorality, and give all needful advice and aſſiſtance to Synods and Preſbyteries, upon application to them for that end: Likewiſe, to take care that the impreſſions of the *Holy Scriptures*, the *Confeſſion of Faith*, and *Catechiſms*, and ſuch books as are authoriſed by this Church, relating to the doctrine, worſhip, diſcipline and government thereof, be correct; and give directions about printing the ſame. And the Commiſſioners are appointed and empowered to keep a correſpondence with the Committee for reformation of the Highlands and Iſlands, for ſuppreſſing Popery and ſuperſtition, and for promoting the knowledge of true religion, and carrying on a reformation in theſe parts, and give aſſiſtance and concurrence therein; and, if need be, to apply to the Government for a proper remedy and ſpeedy redreſs. And the ſaid Commiſſioners are hereby ſtrictly prohibited and diſcharged to meddle in any other matters than what are committed and referred to them as above mentioned: And, in all their actings, they are to proceed according to the acts and conſtitution of this Church, and to do nothing contrary thereto, or to the prejudice of the ſame; declaring, that, in and for all their actings, they ſhall be accountable to, and cenſurable by the next General Aſſembly, as they ſhall ſee cauſe. And the General Aſſembly appoints the ſaid Commiſſioners particularly to obſerve the acts of the General Aſſemblies one thouſand ſeven hundred and twelve, and one thouſand ſeven hundred and nineteen, reſpecting the application of the public money; which two acts are printed among the acts of Aſſembly one thouſand ſeven hundred and ſixty-one. And this Commiſſion is to continue and endure until another Commiſſion be appointed; and members are required to attend the diets of the ſaid Commiſſion;

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and abſents therefrom are ordered to be noticed, according to the 17th act of the General Aſſembly held in the year one thouſand ſeven hundred and ſix. And for the better ſecuring of a quorum, and attendance of members on the Commiſſion, the General Aſſembly prohibits the Preſbytery of Edinburgh, or any other Preſbytery within twelve miles thereof, to meet on any of the days or weeks appointed for the meeting of this Commiſſion; and ſuch of the members of theſe Preſbyteries as are on the Commiſſion, are required, all of them to give attendance on the diets thereof; and the Preſbyteries at a greater diſtance, who have four or more members on the Commiſſion, are to take care, that at leaſt two of them attend each diet of the ſame: And the General Aſſembly appoint their Commiſſion, at their firſt meeting, to diſcuſs as many of the cauſes and queſtions relative to the ſettlement of vacant churches, which are or ſhall be referred to them by the Aſſembly, as they can overtake. And it is further provided, that when any Preſbytery or Synod of this Church ſhall decline to comply with the ſentence of the Commiſſion, or to give the ſame a full execution, in that caſe the Commiſſion is hereby prohibited to execute the ſame, by appointing any ſuch correſpondent meeting, as has been ſome time the practice, but ſhall allow the ſame to lie over to the enſuing Aſſembly, to which ſuch Preſbyteries or Synods ſhall be anſwerable for ſuch their conduct, and are hereby appointed to ſend up with their Commiſſioners their reaſons for the ſame. And that in paſſing their ſentences, and in ordering the execution of the ſame, they ſtrictly obſerve the 12th act of the Aſſembly one thouſand ſeven hundred and thirty ſix.—And in the event of any appeal or complaint taken againſt the judgment of the Preſbytery of Stirling on the call of Mr Robert Knox, Preacher of the Goſpel, preſentee to the united pariſhes of Larbert and Dunipace, or in any other ſtep of the proceedings in this cauſe, the Aſſembly empower their Commiſſion to judge of ſuch appeals and complaints, and to give ſuch orders as they ſhall ſee neceſſary for carrying on the ſettlement of the preſentee, according to the rules of the Church.—And the General Aſſembly refer to their Commiſſion to follow out what is contained in the report of the Committee on the due obſervation of the Lord's day, granting to them full power to that effect.

See Abridgment, Seſſ. 5.

and, Seſſ. *ult.*

VI.

VI.

COMMISSION to ſome Miniſters and Ruling Elders, for the Reformation of the Highlands and Iſlands of Scotland, and for managing his Majeſty's Royal Bounty for that end.

Edinburgh, May 25. 1793. *Seſſ.* 9.

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY did, and hereby do nominate and appoint the Reverend Dr ROBERT ARNOT, Profeſſor of Divinity in St Mary's College, St Andrew's, their Moderator, all the miniſters who are members of the Preſbytery of Edinburgh, Dr Thomas Robertſon at Dalmeny, Mr John Fraſer at Libberton, Mr Patrick Robertſon at Eddleſton, Dr Alexander Carlyle at Invereſk, Mr David Pyper at Pencaitland, Mr Alexander Johnſton at Cranſhaws, Dr David Young at Foulden, Mr Andrew Ogilvie at Linton, Dr Thomas Somerville at Jedburgh, Mr Robert Dawſon at Stow, Mr Robert Douglas at Galaſhiels, Mr John Laurie at Ewes, Mr Thomas Henderſon at Dryſdale, Mr James Wilſon at Tynron, Mr John Johnſton at Croſsmichael, Dr Anthony Stewart at Newlace, Mr Alexander Moodie at Riccarton, Mr James Douglas at Stewarton, Mr John Finlay at Paiſley, Mr Michael Macculloch at Bothwell, Mr William Maccubban at Douglas, Mr Alexander Rankin at Glaſgow, Mr John Mitchell at Fintray, Mr Charles Stewart at Strachur, Dr John Smith at Campbelton, Mr Donald Macnicol at Liſmore, Mr Norman Macleod at Morvern, Mr Alexander Niven at Dunkeld, Mr George Chapman at Kinfauns, Mr William Sheriff at St Ninian's, Mr William

Graham at Foſſaway, Mr John Campbell at Kippen, Mr Spence Oliphant at Largo, Mr John Bruce at Forfar, Mr William Johnſton at Monyfeith, Mr Andrew Bruce at Brechin, Mr James Walker at Dunnottar, Dr John Brown at Newhills, Dr John Ogilvy at Midmar, Mr George Forbes at Lochel, Mr Patrick Davidſon at Rayne, Mr William Greig at Longſide, Mr Alexander Roſe at Auchterleſs, Mr Robert Grant at Cullen, Mr Francis Forbes at Grange, Mr James Grant at Inveraven, Mr John Grant at Abernethy, Mr John Reid at Duffus, Mr William Stephen at Rafford, Mr John Moriſon at Nairn, Mr Alexander Fraſer at Kirkhill, Mr Alexander Wood at Roſemarkie, Mr Henry Robertſon at Kiltearn, Mr James Grant at Urquhart, Mr Alexander Downie at Lochalſh, Mr George Macculloch at Loth, Mr James Dingwall at Far, Mr William Sutherland at Wick, Mr James Bremner at Walls, Mr John Anderſon at Stronſay, Mr John Inches at Neſting, *Miniſters*; John Gloag, Eſq; Dean of Guild of Edinburgh, William Ramſay, Eſq; of Barnton, Donald Smith, Eſq; Banker, the Lord Provoſt of Edinburgh, Robert Allan, Eſq; Banker, John Dickſon, Eſq; of Culter, James Montgomery, Eſq; Advocate, Andrew Hamilton, Eſq; of Spittlehaugh, the Lord Advocate, Matthew Sandilands of Couſton, Eſq; the Earl of Lauderdale, Mr James Saunders, writer to the Signet; Mr William Johnſton writer, Mr John Peat writer, Alexander Fergusſon of Craigdarroch, Eſq; Horatius Cannan, Eſq; of Barley, Mr John Jeffrey writer, Thomas Adair, Eſq; of Genoch, Mr Thomas Smith writer, George Fergusſon, Eſq; Advocate, David Boyle, Eſq; Advocate, Mr Robert Davidſon, Advocate, the Lord Preſident, John Lamont of Lamont, Eſq; Archibald Campbell younger of Succoth, Eſq; Archibald Macdonald, Eſq; of Sanda, William Campbell of Fairfield, Eſq; Allan Macdougal, Eſq; of Hayfield, Niel Fergusſon, Eſq; Advocate, Mr James Dickſon bookſeller, Edinburgh, Mr Alexander Beatſon writer to the Signet, Profeſſor William Richardſon Glaſgow, the Dean of Faculty, Mr Thomas Weir writer, Mr John Moncreiff apothecary, Mr Thomas Duncan writer, James Wauchope, Eſq; Advocate, Adam Gillies, Eſq; Advocate, John Burnet, Eſq; Advocate, the Procurator, John Gordon, Eſq; of Craig, William Madonald, Eſq; of Reneaton, James Gordon, Eſq; younger of Craig,

Craig, William Gordon, Eſq; younger of Rothney, Mr John Taylor writer to the Signet, Mr Archibald Miln writer to the Signet, Mr George Andrew writer, Mr Baron Gordon, Iſaac Grant, Eſq; of Hilton, Mr James Robertſon writer, Mr Thomas Gordon writer to the Signet, William Scott, Eſq; banker, Dr Gregory Grant, Mr Alexander Grant writer to the Signet, Charles Roſs, Eſq; Advocate, Mr Kenneth Mackenzie writer, William Tait, Eſq; Advocate, Bailie Daniel Miller, Mr James Grant writer to the Signet, Mr William Maclean merchant, Mr James Horne writer to the Signet, Mr Alexander Youngſon writer, Malcolm Laing, Eſq; Advocate, Mr Richard Richardſon, merchant, Commiſſioner Grieve, Profeſſor Andrew Dalzel, *Ruling Elders*; TO BE A COMMITTEE of this Aſſembly, for the reformation of the Highlands and Iſlands of Scotland, for promoting the knowledge of true religion, ſuppreſſing Popery and profaneneſs, and for managing the Royal Bounty for theſe ends, according to, and in terms of His Majeſty's grant to this Aſſembly. In proſecution of which purpoſes, the Committee are to appoint Preachers and Catechiſts, to go to ſuch places as they ſhall find, upon due information, to be the moſt proper, according to His Majeſty's deſign, expreſſed in His warrant; and, in ſo doing, that they have particular regard to ſuch pariſhes in South Uiſt, Small Iſles, Glenco, Harris, the countries of Moidart, Glengary, and Lochaber, and the other pariſhes of the Synods of Glenelg and Argyle, which the Committee ſhall find, by reaſon of the vaſt extent, by the prevalency of Popery and ignorance, and other unhappy circumſtances, to be in the greateſt diſtreſs: And they ſhall take care, that the perſons they employ be certified, and found, upon due trial, to be properly qualified for theſe reſpective offices, of good abilities for the ſame, of a pious life and converſation; prudent, of undoubted loyalty to his Majeſty, and of competent ſkill in the principles of Divinity, and particularly in Popiſh controverſies: Such Preachers and Catechiſts being hereby appointed to be ſubject to, and under the inſpection of the Preſbyteries of the bounds to which they are ſent, who are to take care that the orders of the Committee be duly obſerved by them. And the Preachers are alſo appointed to catechiſe, and both they and the Catechiſts to inſtruct the people from houſe to houſe, and to viſit the ſick; and, in all their

labour among the people, to be careful to teach them the principles and duties of the true Chriſtian Proteſtant religion, and the obligations they are under to duty and loyalty to our Sovereign King George, and obedience to the laws: And the Committee are empowered to give them ſuch inſtructions as to their work and behaviour, as they ſhall judge meet; which inſtructions the Preachers and Catechiſts are hereby ordered to obey. The General Aſſembly do further appoint the ſaid Committee, to have a particular regard in their proceedings, to the regulations agreed upon by the Committee of the Aſſembly for managing the Royal Bounty, on the 30th of September 1730, approved by frequent Aſſemblies: And to take care that Preſbyteries, and others concerned, obſerve the ſame, which they are hereby ordered to do: Particularly, the Aſſembly ordains the ſeveral Preſbyteries to inſert in their regiſters the Committee's appointments of the deſignations, ſalaries, and ſtations of the ſeveral miſſionaries, and to have an exact regard thereto, in all the letters they ſhall write about the ſaid miſſionaries, and in giving of certificates to them; and to direct all their letters, concerning miſſionaries in their bounds, only to the Moderator of the Committee; which letters ſhall be ſigned, at the appointment of the Preſbytery, by the Moderator or Clerk thereof: And the Aſſembly does diſcharge any payment to be made of the ſalaries of the miſſionaries, except upon receipts from the miſſionaries themſelves, and upon certificates from the Preſbyteries, bearing, That they have ſerved for the time mentioned in the receipts; and that every Catechiſt who receives a ſalary from the Royal Bounty, on condition that the pariſhioners or gentlemen of the diſtrict ſhall pay a certain ſum in aid of ſuch ſalary, ſhall inſert, in the body of his receipt to the Caſhier, a declaration that he has received the particular ſum ſpecified; and that the atteſtation of the Preſbytery ſhall in like manner bear, that the Catechiſt has received the ſtipulated ſum which the Committee make the condition of his appointment; it being underſtood by this reſolution, that the ſeveral ſtations, with regard to which ſuch conditions were originally made by the Committee, when no ſuch declaration of the Catechiſt, or atteſtation of the Preſbytery, as is now propoſed, is received by the Caſhier, ſhall be afterwards ſuppreſſed by the Committee, though the Catechiſt ſhall, notwithſtanding,

ſtanding, receive the ſalary for the time he is certified to have performed his duty. That a journal of the itinerant's labours in the miniſtry, of the miſſion committed to him, be written on the back of the Preſbytery's certificate, and ſigned by him, as the ground on which the Preſbytery have granted him ſaid certificate. The General Aſſembly do alſo empower the ſaid Committee to apply, for the purpoſes above mentioned, what may remain of the laſt year's Royal Bounty not diſpoſed of, by reaſon of any of the miſſionaries not fulfilling the appointments laid upon them; and that they are to keep a regiſter of their proceedings, and likewiſe diſtinct books of accounts, how the foreſaid money is beſtowed, which ſhall be patent to any concerned, who pleaſe to inſpect the ſame. Of the perſons above named, as members of this Committee, five are declared to be a quorum, whereof three are to be miniſters. But it is hereby appointed, That at the quarterly meeting of the Committee, in which the ſcheme or eſtabliſhment of miſſionaries for the enſuing year is to be approved and determined, not leſs than fourteen ſhall be the quorum, whereof nine ſhall be miniſters; and the ſaid Committee are appointed to have their firſt general meeting at Edinburgh, the firſt lawful day after the adjournment of the firſt of the ſtated diets of the Commiſſion of the General Aſſembly; their ſecond meeting (which is for fixing the annual ſcheme), upon the ſecond Thurſday of July, with power to thoſe members who ſhall then be preſent, to adjourn; and their other two general meetings the firſt lawful days after the ſtated meetings of the Commiſſion of the General Aſſembly, in November and March, within the Aſſembly ayle, at ten of the clock in the forenoon, except that day ſhall fall to be Saturday, and then the meeting ſhall be upon Monday next thereafter, at the ſaid hour; with power to the ſaid Committee to adjourn themſelves to ſuch times and places as they ſhall find moſt needful and convenient: And they are to keep a correſpondence with the Commiſſion of the General Aſſembly, and the Society for propagating Chriſtian Knowledge, and their Committee of Directors, and to take their advice and aſſiſtance; and alſo to correſpond with the Synods and Preſbyteries concerned. They are likewiſe inſtructed and empowered, as they ſhall ſee cauſe, to apply to the Government, or any Magiſtrate, for aſſiſtance and ſupport in carrying on the deſign of the Commiſſion now given to them. And the General Aſſembly do appoint Mr William Robertſon, Advocate, Procurator for the Church, and Receiver of the foreſaid Royal

Bounty, to pay out the ſame, as he ſhall be directed and ordered by the foreſaid Committee, and according to their rules. And the ſaid Committee are appointed to examine the accounts of the diſtribution of the Royal Bounty, and lay the ſame before the Lords Commiſſioners of His Majeſty's Treaſury, or the Barons of his Majeſty's Court of Exchequer, and to report their diligence to the General Aſſembly, to whom they are to be accountable. And it is agreed, That no perſon once employed and inſert in the ſcheme, ſhall be ſtruck out thereof for that year, but by the quorum of at leaſt fourteen, whereof nine to be miniſters; and in caſe any complaint ſhall be made againſt any of them on the ſcheme, it ſhall not be determined the firſt Ordinary meeting that the ſame is offered, but it ſhall lie on the table till another meeting; and in the mean time the perſon complained of, and the Preſbytery of the bounds wherein he officiates, ſhall be acquainted of ſuch complaint, and thoſe concerned be required to ſend to the ſaid Committee a juſt account of the matter, againſt the next meeting. And it is farther appointed, That after the yearly ſcheme of miſſionaries on the Royal Bounty is ſettled in manner above directed, and notice thereof given by letters to the Preſbyteries concerned, ſuch Preſbyteries ſhall ſend up to the ſaid Committee their anſwer to theſe letters, at fartheſt with their Commiſſioners to the General Aſſembly, if the ſame be not done ſooner; and that the Committee, at their firſt meeting after the General Aſſembly, ſhall endeavour to complete the next year's ſcheme themſelves; and if they cannot complete it, they ſhall name a ſub-committee of their number for that purpoſe, who are to lay their draught thereof before a ſubſequent meeting, which is appointed to meet as ſoon after the riſing of the Aſſembly as poſſible. And empowered the Committee, at their firſt meeting, to reject any petition for a new ſtation, in caſe they ſhall find ſufficient objections againſt it; and that the ſaid Committee, in making up the ſcheme of miſſionaries, *&c.* do not exceed the ſum in the grant.

VII.

Edinburgh, May 24. 1794. *Seſſ. ult.*

THE Report of the Committee appointed to claſs returns to Overtures was called for, given in, and read.—The Aſſembly ordered the Overture reſpecting the Licenſing of Probationers; and alſo the Overture reſpecting the Annexation and Suppreſſion of Pariſhes to be retranſmitted; with a renewal of the Recommendation to ſuch Preſbyteries as have ſent no Returns, to ſend them without further delay.

New Overture reſpecting the Licenſing of Probationers.

Edinburgh, May 25. 1792. *Seſſ.* 8.

THE General Aſſembly having taken under their ſerious conſideration, the great danger to which the intereſts of Religion and of this Church may be expoſed, by licenſing any to preach the Goſpel, who are not duly qualified for that important truſt, do hereby enact and ordain, That in all time coming the following regulations ſhall be ſtrictly obſerved:

I. It is hereby enacted, That no Student ſhall be entered upon the Roll of any Profeſſor of Divinity, unleſs he ſhall produce to the ſaid Profeſſor a certificate from the Miniſter of the pariſh in which he has his uſual reſidence; or in his abſence, or during a vacancy in ſaid pariſh, from ſome neighbouring Miniſter, bearing, that his character is ſuitable to his views; together with a diploma of Maſter of Arts, or certificates from the ſeveral Profeſſors of Philoſophy, under whom he hath ſtudied, from which it may be clearly aſcertained that, in ſome Univerſity or Univerſities, he hath gone through a full courſe of Philoſophy in ſome winter-ſeſſions of College preceding that in which the certificates are produced.

II.

II. The General Aſſembly do likewiſe hereby ordain, That all Students who have been inrolled by Profeſſors of Divinity, in the manner preſcribed by this act, ſhall continue to proſecute the ſtudy of Divinity for the term of ſix Seſſions: Provided always, That if any Student hath given regular attendance in the Divinity Hall during three Seſſions, his Courſe ſhall be conſidered as completed in four Seſſions; and that if he hath given regular attendance in the Hall during two Seſſions, his Courſe ſhall be conſidered as completed in five Seſſions. And the Aſſembly do further ordain, That in each of theſe caſes, Students ſhall be inrolled by the Profeſſors during the ſeveral Seſſions of their reſpective Courſes, and deliver in the Divinity Hall, in the manner herein afterwards provided, an Exegeſis in Latin, on ſome controverted Head in Divinity, a Homily in Engliſh, an Exerciſe and Addition, a Lecture on ſome large portion of Scripture, and a popular Sermon, together with ſuch other Exerciſes as the Profeſſors ſhall think proper to preſcribe. And the Aſſembly farther enact and declare, That a Student is entitled to apply to the Profeſſor for his certificates, that he may be propoſed for trials, and that the preliminary ſteps may be taken by the Preſbytery during the currency of the laſt Seſſion of his Courſe, as above deſcribed; with this limitation, that if the ſaid laſt Seſſion is to be claimed as a Seſſion of regular attendance, he ſhall, toward the concluſion thereof, obtain a new certificate of his attendance during its currency, and produce the ſame to the Preſbytery or Synod.

III. Profeſſors of Divinity are required to attend, as much as circumſtances may permit, to the conduct of ſuch Students as are under their care, and, as far as they find it practicable, to inſiſt that every Student ſhall deliver his firſt diſcourſe ſome time during his ſecond Seſſion, at the lateſt, and the remainder of his Diſcourſes at ſuch periods as may enable him to deliver the whole of them before the end of January, of the laſt Seſſion of his Courſe.

IV. When a Student is propoſed to any Preſbytery, in order to be taken upon trials, the Preſbytery ſhall be alone, and the motion for that purpoſe ſhall lie upon the table till their next ordinary meeting. In the mean time, the Preſbytery ſhall appoint the Member by whom the Student has been propoſed, to lay before the ſaid meeting the certificate, or certificates in favour of the Student,

dent, that are ſpecified in the third paragraph of the fifth ſection of this Act; to deſire him to attend the ſame; and to inform him, that, previouſly to the meeting, he ought, as far as circumſtances may permit, to wait on ſuch Miniſters of the Preſbytery as have not formerly had an opportunity of converſing with him in private.

V. When the time appointed for conſidering the motion is arrived, the Preſbytery ſhall ſtrictly obſerve the following regulations.

1*ſt*, The Preſbytery ſhall be alone, while they are employed in diſcuſſing the ſeveral preliminaries reſpecting Students who are propoſed for trials.

2*d*, They ſhall require ſatisfying evidence, that every Student who is propoſed for that purpoſe, has completed the twenty-firſt year of his age.

3*d*, No Student ſhall be admitted to trials, unleſs he produces to the Preſbytery, a certificate or certificates from the Profeſſor or Profeſſors of Divinity, under whoſe tuition he hath ſtudied, bearing, that he hath proſecuted his ſtudies, and delivered his Diſcourſes, in the manner preſcribed by this act; and that his conduct, as far as conſiſts with the knowledge of the ſaid Profeſſor, or Profeſſors, has been in every reſpect ſuitable to his views in life. And the General Aſſembly do likewiſe hereby enact, That the Preſbytery ſhall record at full length the ſaid certificate, or certificates, in their minutes: And it is hereby enacted and declared, That the Student having lodged ſuch certificate, or certificates, ſhall be entitled to obtain extracts of the ſame, if demanded.

4*th*, No Preſbytery ſhall receive any Student upon trials, unleſs they are ſatisfied that he is of good report; ſound in his principles; pious, ſober, grave, and prudent, in his behaviour; of a peaceable diſpoſition; and well affected to the happy eſtabliſhment in this kingdom, both in Church and State. And, that the Preſbytery may proceed with all due caution, in a matter of ſuch peculiar importance, they ſhall not agree to the motion in behalf of the Student, unleſs his reſidence, during the year preceding, has been chiefly within their bounds, or he ſhall produce ſufficient teſtimonials from the Preſbytery, in whoſe bounds his reſidence has chiefly been, during that term, bearing, that his character is ſuch as is deſcribed in the immediately preceding ſentence of this paragraph, and recommending him, in theſe re-

ſpects, to the Preſbytery before whom the propoſal is made, as a proper perſon to be entered upon trials.

5*th*, The Preſbytery ſhall not agree to the motion in favour of the Student, unleſs they are ſatisfied, that he has made a competent degree of proficiency in thoſe ſeveral branches of knowledge, which are neceſſary to enable him to be an uſeful Preacher of the Goſpel. And the General Aſſembly ordain, that the Preſbytery, in order to procure full information in this reſpect, ſhall examine the Student, ſtrictly, and privately, on his knowledge of the Greek and Latin languages, and of Philoſophy and Theology.

6*th*, If after theſe preliminary ſteps have been taken, the Preſbytery ſhall be of opinion, that the Student is duly qualified in theſe ſeveral particulars, they ſhall record this opinion in their minutes, and order their clerk to write letters to the ſeveral Preſbyteries within the bounds of the Provincial Synod, two kalendar months at leaſt before the meeting of the ſame, informing them of the Preſbytery's intention to take the Student upon Public Trials, and bearing, that the certificate, or certificates in his favour, which are required by this act, have been regularly laid before them. But it is hereby provided, That within the bounds of ſuch Synods as meet only once a-year, a Student may be entitled to have theſe circular letters written half a-year ſooner than would be otherwiſe competent.

VI. The General Aſſembly do likewiſe hereby enact and declare, That, at the requeſt of the Student, it ſhall be competent to any Preſbytery to transfer the receiving of the Public Trials, or any part thereof, certifying to the Preſbytery to which the transference is to be made, that the various preliminary ſteps have been taken according to the directions of this act; and that ſuch parts of the public and private trials as have been already gone through, have been received with approbation.

VII. If a Student hath ſtudied, either in whole or in part, in Proteſtant Univerſities which are not within the bounds of this Church, he ſhall, when he is propoſed to any Preſbytery for trials, be required to produce ſatisfying teſtimonials from the Profeſſors of Divinity in ſaid Univerſities; and the time which theſe Profeſſors ſhall certify to have been employed by him in ſtudying Divinity under their tuition, ſhall be computed in the ſame manner as if he had proſecuted his ſtudies in any of the Univerſities within the bounds of this Church. But it

is hereby provided, That no Student, in ſuch circumſtances, ſhall be admitted even to thoſe private trials which are appointed to be taken before the writing of the circular letters, ſooner than ſix kalendar months after his arrival in Scotland.

VIII. The General Aſſembly ordain, That if a Preſbytery propoſe to take a Student upon public trials, and have, with that view, written the circular letters, as is herein required, public intimation thereof ſhall be made at ſome diet of the next meeting of the Provincial Synod, which ſhall not be the laſt diet thereof: And the Preſbytery clerk is hereby required to tranſmit to the Synod clerk an extract of the certificate, or certificates, laid before the Preſbytery, in favour of the Student, in order that the ſame may be produced at this diet of the Synod. And it is likewiſe hereby ordained, That at ſome ſubſequent diet of the Synod, particular enquiry ſhall be made, whether any of the Members of the Court has any objection to offer againſt the Student being entered upon Public Trials: And that the Synod then taking into conſideration the extract produced, and the whole of the caſe, ſhall judge of the expediency of allowing the Preſbytery to admit the Student on trials: Or if in any caſe the Preſbytery clerk ſhall fail to tranſmit the extracts of the certificates above mentioned, the Student may produce to the Synod, by himſelf or by any Member of the Court, the extract of the ſame, which by this act he is entitled to obtain.

IX. If the Synod ſhall allow the Student to be taken upon Public Trials, the Preſbytery ſhall proceed therein with all convenient ſpeed; and the Aſſembly appoint the following trials to be taken of the Student, and in the order herein mentioned: 1*ſt*, Catechetic trials on Divinity, Chronology, and Church Hiſtory; 2*d*, A trial on the Hebrew and Greek languages; 3*d*, An Exegeſis in Latin on ſome controverted Head in Divinity; 4*th*, A Homily in Engliſh; 5*th*, An Exerciſe and Addition; 6*th*, A Lecture on ſome large portion of Scripture; 7*th*, A popular Sermon; it being underſtood, that if the Preſbytery ſee cauſe, they may examine the Student upon the ſubject of theſe ſeveral Diſcourſes.

X. The Student having gone through the ſeveral trials, which are mentioned in the immediately preceding ſection of this act, the Preſbytery are ordained to proceed in the following order:

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1*ſt*, They ſhall, deliberately and ſeriouſly, take a conjunct view of the whole trials; and if they ſhall be of opinion, that the Student is not properly qualified to perform the duties incumbent on a Preacher of the Goſpel, they ſhall, by no means, grant him a Licence, in his preſent circumſtances.

2*d*, If, upon this review of the trials, the Preſbytery are fully ſatisfied therewith, they ſhall record this opinion in their minutes.

3*d*, The Preſbytery ſhall then propoſe to the Student the queſtions that are appointed to be put to all who paſs Trials by act 10th Aſſembly 1711, and require him to ſubſcribe the *Formula* which is preſcribed by the ſaid act. And the General Aſſembly ſtrictly prohibit all Preſbyteries from licenſing any Student to preach the Goſpel, who ſhall not give explicit and ſatisfying anſwers to theſe queſtions, and ſubſcribe the ſaid *Formula*.

4*th*, The Preſbytery ſhall order the act of Aſſembly 1759, againſt Simoniacal practices, to be read to the Student in their preſence.

Laſtly, The Preſbytery ſhall appoint their Moderator to licence the Student to preach the Goſpel, and order their clerk to furniſh him with an extract of his licence.

XI. For the better obſervance of this act, the General Aſſembly ordain, 1*ſt*, That it ſhall be printed among their other printed acts; 2*d*, That it ſhall be printed by itſelf, in ſome convenient form; 3*d*, That a copy of this ſeparate edition ſhall be tranſmitted to each Profeſſor of Divinity in the Univerſities of Scotland; and that the ſaid Profeſſors ſhall read the ſame in their reſpective Halls, once at leaſt during every Seſſion, and at ſuch times as they have reaſon to expect the attendance of the greateſt number of Students for that Seſſion; and, *laſtly*, That a copy of the ſame edition ſhall likewiſe be tranſmitted to the clerks of each Synod, and Preſbytery, within the bounds of this Church, and that the ſaid clerks ſhall keep the ſame along with their minutes, and bring it up to each meeting of their reſpective Courts, for the uſe of the Members.

VIII.

Interim Act and Overture reſpecting the Annexation and Suppreſſion of Pariſhes.

Edinburgh, May 26. 1794. *Seſſ. ult.*

THE General Aſſembly, in all propoſed caſes of annexation and ſuppreſſion, do enjoin Preſbyteries to communicate to the Synod of the bounds the propoſal that is made; that although it does not appear to them proper for the Church to give any oppoſition, it ſhall not be competent for them to expreſs their conſent to the propoſed annexation and ſuppreſſion, either by a deliverance in their minutes, or at the bar of the Court of Teinds, until they have obtained the conſent of the Synod of the bounds; and further, that when they reſolve to give oppoſition to any propoſed annexation or ſuppreſſion, they ſhall communicate their reſolution, together with the grounds of their oppoſition, and the directions which they have given thereanent to the Synod of the bounds.

IX.

Act and Reſolution reſpecting the Religious Education of Youth.

Edinburgh, May 26. 1794. *Seſſ. ult.*

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY of the Church of Scotland, taking into their ſerious conſideration the growth of licentiouſneſs, both in principle and practice; and being fully perſuaded that this evil, wherever it prevails, is in a great meaſure to be aſcribed to the neglect of the religious education of youth; and the Aſſembly being well informed that the ancient and laudable practice of inſtructing youth in the principles of religion, by means of the Holy Scriptures, and the Catechiſms received and acknowledged by this Church, has been much neglected in many parochial and other Engliſh and Latin Schools, particularly in the cities and towns of this kingdom: Wherefore, the General Aſſembly being reſolved, as far as in them lies, to provide a remedy for this evil, did, and hereby do, ſtrictly require and enjoin, that all parochial Schoolmaſters, and other Teachers of Schools within this Church, ſhall cauſe the Holy Bible to be read as a regular exerciſe in their ſeveral Schools, by the children under their care. The General Aſſembly do moreover require and enjoin, that the Shorter Catechiſm, agreed upon by the Aſſembly of Divines at Weſtminſter, and approved of by this Church, ſhall be taught in all parochial and other Schools; and that the children be required to commit this Catechiſm to memory, and by frequent repetition to fix it deep in their minds. And in order that the above regulations may be carried into effect, the General Aſſembly, in conformity to many preceding acts of Aſſembly, enjoin all the Miniſters of this Church, to viſit and examine from time to time the Schools within their reſpective pariſhes, and take care that the Teachers do their duty in thoſe reſpects. And for a farther ſecurity in matters of ſuch important concern, the General Aſſembly did, and

and hereby do, ordain all Preſbyteries to make enquiry concerning the obedience given by their ſeveral members to this act; and farther, the General Aſſembly ordain all the Preſbyteries of this Church to appoint preſbyterial viſitations of the Schools within their reſpective bounds, at leaſt once in every year, and exerciſe that authority which, by the law of the land, as well as of the Church, is veſted in them for obtaining the important end in view. The General Aſſembly moreover ordains, that this Act ſhall be printed ſeparately; and a copy thereof tranſmitted to every Miniſter, and every parochial Schoolmaſter within the bounds of this Church: And finally, that every Preſbytery ſhall report their diligence, in compliance with the terms thereof, upon the back of their Commiſſion to their Repreſentatives in the enſuing General Aſſembly.

X.

Act appointing the Diet of the next General Aſſembly.

Edinburgh, May 26. 1794. *Seſſ. ult.*

THE next GENERAL ASSEMBLY of this National Church is appointed to be held within the New Church Ayle of Edinburgh, on Thurſday the 21ſt day of May 1795.

Extracted from the Records of the General Aſſembly, by

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OF THE

ACTINGS and PROCEEDINGS of the GENERAL ASSEMBLY of the CHURCH OF SCOTLAND, held at Edinburgh in the year 1794, which are not printed at full length.

Thurſday, May 15. 1794. *Seſſ.* 1.

AFTER Sermon by the Reverend Dr THOMAS HARDY, one of the Miniſters of the City, and *Regius* Profeſſor of Divinity and Church Hiſtory in the Univerſity of Edinburgh, Moderator of the laſt General Aſſembly, the Miniſters and Ruling Elders convened in the Aſſembly-houſe in the uſual manner: And, after prayer by the ſaid Dr Thomas Hardy, the Reverend Dr ROBERT ARNOT, Profeſſor of Divinity in St Mary's College, St Andrew's, being unanimouſly choſen Moderator, he, at the Aſſembly's deſire, took the Chair.

The KING's Commiſſion to the Right Honourable DAVID Earl of LEVEN, to repreſent his Majeſty's Royal Perſon, read, and ordered to be recorded. See Printed Acts, No. I.

The KING's moſt gracious Letter to this Aſſembly, read, and ordered to be recorded. and No. II

The Commiſſioner's Speech at the opening of the Aſſembly, and the Moderator's ſpeech in return thereto.

A Committee named for anſwering the King's moſt gracious Letter.

An Humble and Loyal Addreſs to his Majeſty on the preſent ſtate of public affairs; agreed to, and a Committee appointed to prepare the ſame.

A Committee named for reviſing the Commiſſions to the Members of this Aſſembly, cenſuring abſents from the diets thereof, naming Miniſters to preach before his Grace the King's Commiſſioner, and receiving Liſts of Probationers in the ſeveral Preſbyteries, in order to their being recorded.

A Committee for Overtures named.

A Committee for bills, references, and appeals, named.

Adjournment.

Friday, May 16. 1794. *Seſſ.* 2.

Sederunt.

New Commiſſions produced.

A diet ſpent in Prayer.

Act VII, of the Aſſembly 1718, for the better diſpatch of the buſineſs of the Aſſembly, read, and the obſervation thereof enjoined.

Miniſters named to preach before his Grace the Commiſſioner.

The Committee for reviſing Commiſſions appointed to meet.

The Committees for overtures and bills; and the Committee for anſwering the King's Letter, appointed to meet.

Adjournment.

Saturday, May 17. 1794. *Seſſ.* 3.

Sederunt.

New Commiſſions produced.

The Moderator made an apology for the abſence of the Procurator, who was confined by ſevere indiſpoſition; which apology was unanimouſly ſuſtained; and, at the ſame time, the Aſſembly expreſſed their regret for the cauſe of the Procurator's abſence.

See Printed Acts, No. III. The draught of the Anſwer to the King's moſt gracious letter to this Aſſembly being brought in and approved, his Grace the Commiſſioner, at the Aſſembly's requeſt, undertook to tranſmit the ſame to his Majeſty.

and No. IV. The draught of a Humble and Loyal Addreſs to his Majeſty, on the preſent ſtate of public affairs, being brought in and approved, his Grace the Commiſſioner, at the Aſſembly's requeſt, likewiſe undertook to tranſmit the ſame to his Majeſty.

The Report of the Committee for Overtures given in and read.

It was objected to the Commiſſion from the City of Glaſgow, "That it is ſubſcribed by a perſon of the "name of John Orr, without the deſignation of "Clerk." The objection ſuſtained, and the Commiſſioners named ordained to be expunged from the roll.

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It was objected to the Commiſſion from the Burgh of Wigton, "That the Kirk Seſſion's atteſtation is ſigned *Andw. Donan Mr.* and *John Hathorn Elder.*" The Objection repelled, and the Commiſſion ſuſtained.

The Roll of Cauſes tranſmitted by the Committee for Bills called for, produced, and read.

Agreed to take up the cauſe againſt Mr Shepherd at Daviot on Thurſday next.

A Committee named to reviſe the Actings and Proceedings of the Commiſſion of the laſt General Aſſembly.

A Committee named to reviſe the Actings and Proceedings of the Committee appointed by laſt Aſſembly for managing the Royal Bounty for reformation of the Highlands and Iſlands.

A Committee named to reviſe the accounts of the Procurator and Agent for the Church and other public accounts, conſider the ſtate of the Church's public money, and prepare Overtures about the ſame.

The Committee for Overtures appointed to meet this evening, and empowered to receive from the ſeveral Members any inſtructions given to them by the reſpective Synods or Preſbyteries, claſs the matters therein contained, and prepare Overtures thereon to the Aſſembly, and to receive and conſider any accounts that ſhall be given them of the ſtate of the Church in the North Highlands, particularly concerning the growth of Popery and Superſtition, and prepare Overtures for preventing and ſuppreſſing thereof.

The Committee of Bills appointed to meet.

Adjournment.

Monday, May 19. 1794. *Seſſ.* 4.

Sederunt.

New Commiſſions produced.

The Report of the Committee for Overtures called for, given in, and read.

It was objected to the Commiſſion from the Burgh of Perth, "That it is dated the 7th day of April, which is within the 40 days." The objection ſuſtained, and the Commiſſioner's name ordered to be expunged from the roll.

The Overtures contained in the Report of the Committee ordered to lie on the table.

Report of the Committee for Bills called for, produced, and read.

Cauſes fixed for hearing.

Days

Days fixed for hearing Overtures, and to receive the Report of the Committee on the Enzie fund.
Synod Books called for.
Committes appointed to reviſe the Synod Books of Lothian and Tweeddale, Dumfries, and Aberdeen.
The Committees for Overtures and Bills appointed to meet.
Adjournment.

Tueſday, May 20. 1794. *Seſſ.* 5.

Sederunt.

A new Commiſſion produced.
Report of the Committee for Overtures called for, given in, and read.
Report of the Committee for Bills called for, given in, and read.
Committees appointed to meet.
An Appeal, at the inſtance of James Henderſon of Blairs, and others, Heritors and Elders, and Heads of Families, of the united pariſhes of Larbert and Dunipace, from a ſentence of the Synod of Perth and Stirling, of date the 16th October laſt, in a proceſs at their inſtance againſt Mr Robert Knox, Preacher of the Goſpel, preſentee to theſe pariſhes, charging him with certain improper practices, heard. The Aſſembly unanimouſly affirmed the ſentence of the Synod of Perth and Stirling, in as far as it reverſes the ſentence of the Preſbytery of Stirling, and finds the libel not relevant; and declared the ſaid libel irrelevant, and diſmiſs the ſame accordingly; and appoint the Preſbytery of Stirling to proceed to moderate in, and judge of, a call to Mr Robert Knox, on or before the ſecond Thurſday of July next; and, in the event of any appeal or complaint taken againſt the judgment of the Preſbytery on the call, or in any other ſtep of the proceedings in this cauſe, the Aſſembly empower their Commiſſion to judge of ſuch appeals and complaints, and to give ſuch orders as they ſhall ſee neceſſary for carrying on the ſettlement of the preſentee, according to the rules of the Church: And the Aſſembly appoint the Preſbytery of Stirling from the time of their firſt ordinary meeting, and until the call ſhall be ſuſtained, to employ or allow their own Members only, or the preſentee, to perform Divine Service in the united pariſhes of Labert and Dunipace.

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An Appeal at the inſtance of John Miller and others, Heads of Families, in the pariſh of Dunſyre, from a ſentence of the Synod of Lothian and Tweeddale, diſmiſſing the appellants petition againſt the tranſlation of the Reverend Mr Patrick Molliſon, from the pariſh of Walſton to the pariſh of Dunſyre, heard: The Aſſembly reverſe the ſentence of the Synod, and find, that in the particular circumſtances of this caſe, the tranſlation of Mr Molliſon from the pariſh of Walſton to the pariſh of Dunſyre is inexpedient; and therefore refuſe to grant the ſaid tranſlation, leaving it to the patron of Dunſyre to preſent a qualified perſon to that pariſh, according to law.

The Committee of bills appointed to meet.

Adjournment.

Wedneſday May 21. 1794. *Seſſ.* 6.

Sederunt.

New Commiſſions produced.

Overtures read, and the conſideration of them delayed till a future day.

Report of the Committee for Bills called for, given in, and read.

A Diſſent and Complaint by Meſſrs George Chapman and John Inglis, members of the Preſbytery of Perth, from a ſentence of that Preſbytery, reſpecting a Chapel of Eaſe at Perth; heard. The General Aſſembly, without a vote, reverſed the ſentence of the Preſbytery of Perth, in reſpect of certain circumſtances ſtated to the Aſſembly, and find it inexpedient to eſtabliſh the chapel in queſtion under the direction of the petitioners; but, from the neceſſity which in the courſe of the proceedings has been repreſented to exiſt for an additional place of worſhip in the town and pariſh of Perth; and to provide ſufficient accommodation for religious worſhip to all the inhabitants thereof; The Aſſembly inſtruct the Preſbytery of Perth, in caſe an application ſhall be made to them by the Magiſtrates and Kirk Seſſion of Perth, for an additional place of worſhip under their own management, ſubject to the juriſdiction of the Preſbytery, to pay all due attention to ſuch application, ſo as moſt effectually and ſpeedily to ſecure the object in view.

The Aſſembly agreed to reſolve themſelves into a Committee of the whole Houſe on the cauſe of Mr Shepherd at Daviot, to meet to-morrow at eleven o'clock; and authoriſed ſaid Committee to receive any papers that might be tranſmitted to them in the ſaid cauſe by the Committee of Bills.

The Committees for Overtures and Bills appointed to meet.

Adjournment.

Thurſday, May 22. 1794. *Seſſ.* 7.

Sederunt.

Mr Thomſon at Carnock withdrew his diſſent from the Aſſembly's deciſion of yeſterday, reſpecting the Capel of Eaſe of Perth.

Report of the Committee for Overtures called for, given in, and read.

Report of the Committee of Bills called for, given in, and read.

Agreed to take up the cauſe anent the ſettlement of Croſs and Burneſs on Saturday.

The report of the Committee of the whole houſe on the cauſe, the Preſbytery of Garioch againſt Mr Robert Shepherd, miniſter of Daviot, read, and approved of. The Aſſembly therefore ordained the paſſages in the printed caſe, which were marked by the clerk in preſence of the Committee of the whole houſe, and now read over, as far as they are admitted into the record, to be expunged by the clerk of Aſſembly; and the other paſſages in the printed caſe to be expunged by Mr Skene Keith at the bar, who acknowledged himſelf to be reſponſible for them: And the Aſſembly agreed, That after the deciſion in this cauſe, they will deliberate upon the degree of cenſure which may be due to the Preſbytery of Garioch, and Mr Skene Keith for having inſerted the ſaid paſſages contained in the ſaid printed papers: Farther, the Aſſembly find, That the ſaid Elſpeth Farquharſon, Margaret Farquharſon, and Alexander Paip are totally inadmiſſible as witneſſes in this cauſe; and inſtruct the Preſbytery of Garioch not to examine any of theſe three perſons; and farther, That they ſhall admit no witneſſes to be examined by either party upon any thing ſaid extrajudicially by the ſaid Elſpeth Farquharſon, Margaret Farquharſon, and Alexander Paip, or by any other perſons at any period whatever; and that they ſhall admit no evidence to

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reprobate the teſtimony of the witneſſes examined to eſtabliſh the objections againſt the admiſſibility of the ſaid Elſpeth Farquharſon, Margaret Farquharſon, and Alexander Paip. The Aſſembly diſmiſſed the three appeals reſpecting Jean Thomſon, John Maitland and Elſpeth Farquharſon. The Aſſembly find, That in reſpect of the judgment already given, it is unneceſſary to take up the reference from the Synod of Aberdeen. Likewiſe, in reſpect of the judgment already given, the counſel for Mr Shepherd having appeared at the bar, and judicially paſſed from all the appeals taken by him againſt the ſentences of the inferior courts, The Aſſembly declared the ſaid appeals paſſed from accordingly. And farther, the repreſentatives of the Preſbytery of Garioch, in reſpect of the judgment already given on the firſt reference, having judicially withdrawn the reference from the Preſbytery of Garioch relating to William Angus and Rachel Gibb, The Aſſembly declare the ſaid reference withdrawn accordingly. And the repreſentatives of the Preſbytery of Garioch having likewiſe judicially withdrawn their petition and complaint againſt the conduct of the Synod of Aberdeen, The Aſſembly declare the ſaid petition and complaint withdrawn accordingly. Finally, The Aſſembly direct the Preſbytery of Garioch, if they ſhall be adviſed to proceed farther in this cauſe, to conclude the proof, and give a final judgment in the whole matter, betwixt and the meeting of the Synod of Aberdeen in October next.

The Aſſembly, in terms of the above judgment, proceeded to deliberate upon what degree of cenſure is due to the Preſbytery of Garioch, and Mr Skene Keith, for uſing the expreſſions with ſo much reaſon complained of; and having deliberated accordingly, unanimouſly directed their Moderator to intimate to Mr Skene Keith at the bar, their diſſatisfaction with his conduct, and the conduct of the Preſbytery of Garioch, for inſerting in papers laid before the Aſſembly ſuch highly cenſurable expreſſions as thoſe in queſtion, and to recommend to him, and to the Preſbytery, to be more upon their guard for the future, with reſpect to the expreſſions they uſe concerning the Church-courts or their brethren; and which was done by the Moderator from the chair accordingly: And the Aſſembly ordain an extract of this minute to be tranſmitted to the Moderator of the Preſbytery of Garioch; and ordain him to lay the ſame before the Preſbytery,

Preſbytery, who are hereby appointed to cauſe the ſame to be inſerted in their record.

The Committee on public accounts appointed to meet.

Adjournment.

Friday, May 23. 1794. *Seſſ.* 8.

Sederunt.

The public accounts, and the Report of the Committee on new Applications produced, and ordered to lie on the table till to-morrow.

The Report of the Truſtees of the fund eſtabliſhed by Act of Parliament for a proviſion to Miniſters Widows, *&c.* containing an account of their proceedings ſince laſt General Aſſembly, and a ſtate of the fund under their managment, given in, and ordered to lie on the table till to-morrow: And upon a motion, the thanks of the Houſe were given from the chair to Sir Henry Moncreiff Wellwood, for his fidelity, attention and prudence in the management of the fund.

A Committee appointed to conſider the overtures from the Preſbytery of St Andrew's, and from the Synod of Perth and Stirling, reſpecting the due obſervation of the Lord's Day, and to report to the Aſſembly at a future diet.

The Overture from the Synod of Perth and Stirling, anent printing the Larger Catechiſm of this Church, was read:—Upon a motion, the Aſſembly unanimouſly agreed, that it be recommended to the printer for the Church, to cauſe a new impreſſion of the ſaid Larger Catechiſm to be printed with all convenient ſpeed.

The overture by Mr Rankin, reſpecting the religious education of youth was read, and unanimouſly approved of, and a Committee appointed to frame the ſubſtance thereof into an act and recommendation of the General Aſſembly, which they ſhall lay before the Aſſembly at a future diet; and which, upon being approved of, ſhall be inſerted among the printed acts of this Aſſembly.

The Aſſembly then heard Mr Heron upon the ſubject of his complaint againſt the Committee of overtures, for refuſing to tranſmit his overture to the Aſſembly. Upon a motion made, the Aſſembly unanimouſly approved of the Report of the Committee of Overtures reſpecting this overture.

A Committee appointed to conſider the overture reſpecting Chapels of Eaſe, to report to next Aſſembly.
The Committee of bills appointed to meet.
Adjournment.

Saturday, May 24. 1794. *Seſſ.* 9.

Sederunt.
A new Commiſſion produced.
The Report of the Committee for bills called for, given in, and read.
Act approving of the account of Mr William Robertſon, Advocate, Procurator for the Church, and exonering and diſcharging him and his cautioners of the ſum of L. 538 : 6 : $4\frac{2}{12}$ Sterling, diſburſed by him, and appointing that he take credit in his next account for the ſum of L. 38 : 6 : $4\frac{2}{12}$ Sterling, being the balance due to him.
Act approving of the account of Dr William Gloag, ſub-clerk of Aſſembly, and exonering and diſcharging him of the ſum of L. 48 : 0 : 1 Sterling, diſburſed by him, and appointing that he take credit in his next account for the ſum of L. 10 : 10 : 1 Sterling, being the balance due to him.
Act approving of the account of Mr James Dickſon, Printer for the Church, and ordering payment of the ſum of L. 17 : 16 : 6 Sterling, being the amount thereof.
Act approving of the account of Mr Elphinſtone Balfour, Stationer to the Church, and ordering payment of the ſum of L. 17 : 12 : $4\frac{1}{2}$ Sterling, being the amount thereof.
The Report of the Committee on the public funds of the Church called for, and the Committee ordered to meet again on Monday next.
The Report of the viſitors of the Commiſſion record called for; the Commiſſion's conduct approved of; thanks given to the Moderator of the Commiſſion, and their book ordered to be atteſted.
The Report of the Committee for naming members of the Commiſſion of this Aſſembly, and preparing inſtructions to them, given in and approved of. The Aſſembly added thereto Dr George Hill, Principal of St Mary's College, St Andrew's, in place of the Moderator; and alſo added thoſe whoſe Commiſſions had been rejected by this Aſſembly on account of informality, *viz.* from the city of Glaſgow, Archibald Campbell,

See printed Acts, No. V.

Campbell, Eſq; Advocate; and from the burgh of Perth, John Caw, Eſq; preſent Provoſt of Perth.

The Report of the viſitors of the Royal Bounty record given in and read; the conduct of the Managers approved of, and their book ordered to be atteſted.

See printed Acts, No. VI. A Committee named for managing the Royal Bounty this year, with a Commiſſion and inſtructions to them.

The Synod-book of Lothian and Tweeddale ordered to be atteſted.

The Synod-book of Dumfries ordered to be atteſted.

The Synod-book of Aberdeen ordered to be atteſted; and, at the ſame time, that the remarks given in upon that book by the Committee ſhall be delivered into the hands of the Synod-clerk, to be laid by him before the Synod for their conſideration.

The Report of the Truſtees of the fund eſtabliſhed by act of Parliament for a proviſion to Miniſters widows, &c. again called for, and ordered to be recorded in the ſeparate regiſter kept for that purpoſe.

The Report of the Committee appointed to claſs the returns to overtures was called for, given in, and read. The Aſſembly ordered the overture reſpecting the licenſing of Probationers, and alſo the overture on the annexation and ſuppreſſion of pariſhes to be re-tranſmitted, with a recommendation to ſuch Preſbyteries as have ſent no returns, to ſend up their opinions without farther delay; which the Moderator from the chair, at the Aſſembly's deſire, intimated to all the repreſentatives of Preſbyteries preſent.

and No. VII.

Upon a motion by Sir Henry Moncreiff, in conſequence of a letter from the Lord Advocate, the Aſſembly reappointed the ſame Committee as before, on the bill for defining and explaining the power of the Court of Teinds, with their former powers, who are to report to next Aſſembly.

The Report of the Committee on the Enzie fund called for, produced, and read: It was moved and ſeconded, That the Aſſembly approve of the Report of the Committee, diſmiſs the complaint of the Diſſenters, find that it was competent for the Committee on the Enzie fund to ſupply the vacancy in the Enzie Miſſion, and that therefore the Aſſembly approve of the Committee's election of Mr Cruickſhank as their Miſſionary to that diſtrict under their charge, and confirm the ſame. Another motion was made and ſeconded, That the General Aſſembly, in conſideration that the Committee on the Enzie fund have exceeded their

powers

powers in appointing Mr Cruickſhank to that Miſſion, do therefore annul the Committee's appointment of the ſaid Mr Cruickſhank, and declare the election void. The Aſſembly agreed to the following ſtate of the vote, Firſt or Second motion; and the roll being called, and votes marked, it carried, Second motion: Therefore the General Aſſembly, in conſideration that the Committee of the Enzie fund have exceeded their powers, in appointing Mr Cruickſhank to that Miſſion, annul the Committee's appointment of the ſaid Mr Cruickſhank, and declare the ſaid election void.

The Aſſembly delayed the farther buſineſs of the Enzie Miſſionary till Monday.

The Committee of bills appointed to meet.

The Orkney cauſe delayed till Monday.

The Committee on the overture reſpecting the due obſervation of the Lord's Day, appointed to meet.

Adjournment.

Monday, May 26. 1794. *Seſſ. ult.*

Sederunt.

The Report of the Committee for bills called for, given in, and read.

The Report of the Committee on new applications called for, given in, and read.

A Committee appointed to conſider of the means of giving moſt effectual aid to the Preſbytery of Hamilton and Synod of Glaſgow and Ayr, in proſecuting the objects of their petition to the Aſſembly, reſpecting the cauſe of the ſchoolmaſter of Bothwell, and to report to next Aſſembly.

As to the Petition from the Synod of Aberdeen, for aid from the public funds, the Aſſembly authoriſe the Procurator to ſtate to the Court what ſhall appear to him to be for the intereſt of the Church, but under the expreſs condition that the funds of the Church ſhall not be ſubjected to any expence.

Act approving of the account of Mr George Cairncroſs, agent for the Church, and exonering and diſcharging him of the ſum of L. 68 : 7 : 7 Sterling diſburſed by him, and appointing that he debit himſelf in his next account with the ſum of L. 55 : 1 : 1 Sterling, being the balance due by him.

The Report of the Committee on the due obſervation of the Lord's day, was called for, given in, and read, together with the opinion of the Solicitor-General, given at the deſire of the Committee in the indiſpoſition of

of the Procurator. The Aſſembly approved of the Report, with this amendment, that inſtead of the appointment of a Committee, the Aſſembly refer to the Commiſſion to follow out what is contained in the Report, granting to them full power to that effect.

Upon a motion made, the Aſſembly appoint their Moderator to write a letter of thanks to the Solicitor-General for his great attention to the intereſts of religion, and the requeſt of the Committee of the Aſſembly on this occaſion.

The Committee on the Overture reſpecting the religious education of youth, gave in the draught of an act on that ſubject in terms of a former reſolution of the Aſſembly; which draught being read, the Aſſembly approved thereof, and ordained accordingly.

See printed Acts, No. IX.

Liſt of Probationers produced; their names read out, and ordered to be recorded.

The Committee on the embarraſſed ſtate of the Church's funds renewed, to report to next Aſſembly.

Upon a motion made, the Moderator was authoriſed to write a letter of thanks to Mr Charles Kerr, his Majeſty's Printer, for his ſtrenuous exertions, that copies of the Bible ſhould be correctly printed, and furniſhed at the moſt moderate rate.

——No. VIII. The Aſſembly upon a motion made, agreed that the Overture on the Annexation and Suppreſſion of pariſhes, ſhould be converted into an interim Act of the Aſſembly.

The Committee on the Orkney grievances renewed, and to give in their Report to next Aſſembly.

The Aſſembly, in purſuance of the reſolution of Saturday laſt, proceeded to the farther conſideration of the Enzie Miſſion. A motion was made and ſeconded, That the Aſſembly proceed immediately to the election of a Miſſionary for the Enzie; and Mr Daniel Cruickſhank, houſe-governor to George Heriot's Hoſpital, was named as a candidate well qualified for that Miſſion: Another motion was made and ſeconded, That the Aſſembly ſhall elect Mr George Middleton, an ordained Miniſter reſiding within the Preſbytery of Fordyce, Miſſionary for the Enzie: The Aſſembly agreed to put the vote *Mr Cruickſhank* or *Mr Middleton*: And the roll being called and votes marked, it carried Mr Middleton. Therefore, the General Aſſembly, in whom the ſole power of the appointment of a Miſſionary on the Enzie fund is veſted, appoint the ſaid Mr George Middleton their Miſſionary

ry to the ſaid diſtrict of the Enzie accordingly; appointing him to officiate there in that capacity, *ad vitam aut culpam*, and giving and granting to him the ſalary of L. 55 Sterling *per annum*, to commence from the 1ſt of May current; with the other emoluments belonging to that charge.

The Committee on the Enzie fund renewed, with the former powers.

A reference by the Preſbytery of North Iſles, reſpecting the ſettlement of Mr William Grant in the pariſhes of Croſs, Burneſs and North Ronaldſhay in Orkney, was read; and the Aſſembly having heard Mr John Anderſon, did, without hearing the Counſel for the Patron and Preſentee, unanimouſly find, That there are no juſt grounds of objections againſt the Preſentation given by Sir Thomas Dundas, Baronet, to Mr Grant the Preſentee, nor againſt the certificates, and the extract of his Licence produced by the ſaid Preſentee; and in reſpect of the circumſtances of this caſe, the Aſſembly appoint the Preſbytery of North Iſles to proceed without farther delay to take the neceſſary ſteps for ſettling Mr Grant in the united pariſhes of Croſs, Burneſs, and North Ronaldſhay, according to the rules of the Church, and to proceed therein ſo as to have the ſettlement completed on or before the 15th day of September next, and to report their obedience to this ſentence to the Commiſſion in November next. And the Aſſembly do farther unanimouſly find, that the conduct of the Preſbytery of North Iſles, with reſpect to the ſaid preſentee, has been oppreſſive and vexatious, and do declare their high diſapprobation of the ſame, and ordain the Preſbytery to inſert an extract of this judgment into their records.

All cauſes brought before this Aſſembly, and not diſcuſſed by them, referred to the Commiſſion, with power to judge and finally determine therein: And the Commiſſion empowered to follow out the objects of the report of the Committee of the Aſſembly relating to the obſervation of the Lord's day; and alſo to judge and finally determine in any queſtion which may be brought before them relating to the ſettlement of the pariſhes of Larbert and Dunipace; and to the ſettlement of Mr William Grant in the pariſhes of Croſs and Burneſs.

Proteſtation admitted at the inſtance of the Preſbytery of Churnſide againſt Sir John Stirling, Baronet, and others, ſubſcribers for a chapel of Eaſe at Renton.

Proteſtation admitted at the inſtance of Mr David Black, in the cauſe of Mr Moir, Student in Divinity.

A Committee named to reviſe the minutes of the Aſſembly's proceedings at this, and all other diets thereof, and to pitch upon ſuch of the Acts of the Aſſembly as are to be ſtanding rules, in order to their being printed.

The Moderator's ſpeech to the Aſſembly, and to his Grace the Commiſſioner.

The Lord High Commiſſioner's ſpeech to the Aſſembly.

See printed Acts, No. X.

Act appointing next diet of Aſſembly.

The Aſſembly concluded with Prayer, ſinging of Pſalms, and pronouncing the Bleſſing.